

ESTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

INTERIM REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

together with

the

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1939

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ESTON

Chairman of the Council :- Councillor L.S. Brown

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman:- Councillor Walter Evans.

Committee:

The whole of the Members of the Council constitute the Public Health Committee.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

/ MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH: James A. Dunlop, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

/ SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR & CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT: William Linsley, R.C.P., M.R.S.I., (Meat and Food).

/ ADDITIONAL SANITARY INSPECTORS: Alfred King, C.R.S.I (Meat and Food)  
R.E.V. Warrand, Cert. S.I.B.

CLERKS. W. Verrill  
Miss O. Cameron

MATRON OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL: Miss A.M. Wratten.

/ Contributions to Salary from Exchequer.

ADOPTIVE ACTS IN FORCE WITHIN THE ESTON URBAN DISTRICT

Private Street Works Act, 1892.  
Public Libraries Act, 1892 to 1918  
and the unrepealed sections of the following Acts:-  
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890.  
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907.  
Public Health Act, 1925.

BYE-LAWS

Bye-laws made by the Eston Urban Council and allowed by the Ministry of Health on the eleventh day of February, 1932:-  
New Streets and Buildings; Mortuaries; Common Lodging Houses; Slaughter Houses; Offensive Trades; Houses Let in Lodgings; Nuisances; Removal of Refuse; Hackney Carriages; Parks and Recreation Grounds; Tents, Vans and Sheds.

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ESTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

INTERIM REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1939

To the Chairman and Members of the Eston  
Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Circular 2067  
from the Ministry of Health this report for the year  
1939 has to be in the nature of an interim report.

In the interest of economy in  
the use of paper the report will be typewritten.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES A. DUNLOP,

Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1940.

## SECTION "A"

### STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The last estimate of the population issued by the Registrar General was for the mid-year 1939 when the population of this district was estimated as 30,770.

#### GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of the district (acres.)	...	...	5,559
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1939) according to Rate Books	...	...	8,220
Rateable Value (at September 1939)	...	...	£130,581
Sum represented by penny rate	...	...	£464

#### SOCIAL CONDITIONS

In view of the altered circumstances due to war conditions it is not opportune at the present time to comment on the social conditions in the area.

#### ANALYSIS OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS

Dividing the total deaths which occurred during the year into age groups I find that:-

There were 40 deaths under one year of age
19 deaths over 1 year and under 5 years of age
4 deaths over 5 years and under 10 years of age
2 deaths over 10 years and under 15 years of age
17 deaths over 15 years and under 25 years of age
52 deaths over 25 years and under 45 years of age
99 deaths over 45 years and under 65 years of age
72 deaths over 65 years and under 75 years of age
72 deaths over 75 years and under 90 years of age

#### CAUSES OF DEATH

	M	F
Typhoid and para-typhoid fever	...	...
Measles	7	4
Scarlet Fever	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	1
Diphtheria	1	1
Influenza	2	1
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	-
Cerebro Spinal fever	-	-
Respiratory Tuberculosis	12	6



# CAUSES OF DEATH (cont'd)

	M	F
Other Tuberculosis diseases ...	-	4
Syphilis ....	1	-
General Paralysis of the insane	1	-
Cancer, malignant disease ...	22	14
Diabetes ....	1	4
Cerebral hæmorrhage ...	13	9
Heart disease ...	54	34
Aneurysm ....	-	-
Other circulatory diseases	13	9
Bronchitis ....	7	5
Pneumonia (all forms) ...	14	10
Other respiratory diseases	3	-
Peptic ulcer ...	2	-
Diarrhœa etc (under 2 years)	2	2
Appendicitis ....	-	-
Cirrhosis of liver ...	1	-
Other liver diseases... ..	-	3
Other digestive diseases ...	2	1
Acute and chronic nephritis	6	4
Puerperal sepsis ...	-	3
Other puerperal causes ...	-	1
Congenital debility, premature birth, malformation etc	11	8
Senility. ....	3	7
Suicide .. ....	3	3
Other violence ....	14	6
Other defined causes ....	16	10
Causes ill-defined or unknown ..	-	-

# EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

## BIRTHS

LIVE BIRTHS.	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate	596	326	270
Illegitimate	25	13	12

Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimate resident population : 20.2

.. (Rate for England and Wales : 15.0)

STILL BIRTHS.	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate	36	20	16
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Rate per 1,000, total (live and still) births : 54.8

## DEATHS

Total	M.	F.
363	212	151

Death rate per 1,000 of the estimate resident population : 11.8

(Rate for England and Wales : 12.1)

## DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 births.
Puerperal sepsis	3	4.4
Other puerperal causes	1	1.5
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## DEATH RATES OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE:

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	58
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	57.9
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	-
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	36
Deaths from Measles ( " " )	...	11
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	-
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years)	...	4

ANALYSIS OF INFANTILE MORTALITY, 1939

Cause of death	Under 1 wk.	1-2 wks	2-3 wks	3-4 wks.	Total under 4 weeks	1-3 mth	3-6 mth	6-9 mth	9-12 mth	Total deaths under 1 year
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	5
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	5
Convulsions	2	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	4
Congenital Debility	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	4
Prematurity	9	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	9
Meningococle	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Heart failure	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	3
Cretinism	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
Marasmus	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Atelectasis of lungs	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	2
Pemphigus neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Laryngeal diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Toxæmia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Totals	14	-	1	2	17	6	5	3	9	40



### POOR LAW RELIEF

The amount of Poor Law Relief paid during the year 1939 was £28,341. 12. 8d. Details of this amount are set out below:-

	£.	s.	d
SOUTH BANK & NORMANDY (Nos. 1 and 2 Districts)	12,774	1	10
SOUTH BANK & GRANGETOWN (No. 4 District)	5,239	3	11
GRANGETOWN (No. 3 District)	6,551	5	5
ESTON (No. 6 District)	4,777	1	6
	28,341	12	8

### LUNATICS (REMOVAL EXPENSES)

	£.	s.	d
SOUTH BANK DISTRICT (No. 2 District)	24.	19.	0
GRANGETOWN (Nos. 3 and 4 Districts)	12.	13.	0
ESTON (No. 6 District)	4.	10.	0
	42.	2.	0

### SECTION "B"

#### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

##### LABORATORY FACILITIES

During the year 20 milk samples were sent for bacteriological examination and 159 Diphtheria throat swabs were examined.

##### AMBULANCE FACILITIES

This remains unchanged. The following is a report from the Superintendent of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

"During the year 619 patients have been carried in our motor ambulance to the local hospitals. 27 of these were road accidents, 38 works accidents and 554 patients were removed from their homes for hospital treatment. The ambulance travelled 6,123 miles. The Brigade continues to carry out this work voluntarily, no charge being made either for the use of the ambulance or for the service rendered by the drivers and attendants".

## NURSING IN THE HOMES

The following is a brief statement of the activities of the Nursing Associations in the area.

### South Bank Association.

Four whole-time fully qualified nurses are employed who made the following visits during the year:-

General ... ..	6,547
Midwifery & Maternity ...	4,119
Tuberculosis ... ..	669
Ante-Natal ... ..	1,296
Casual Visits ... ..	20
Welfare Centres etc. ...	51
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	12,702
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### Eston, Ormesby and Wilton Association.

This Association employs two whole-time fully qualified nurses who made the following visits during the year:-

General ... ..	3,034
Midwifery & Maternity ...	2,396
Post & Ante-Natal ... ..	1,447
Casual Visits ... ..	299
Welfare Centres etc. ...	34
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	7,210
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### Grange town Association.

This Association employs two whole-time fully qualified nurses who made the following visits during the year:-

General ... ..	3,190
Maternity & Midwifery ...	2,616
Ante-Natal ... ..	865
Post-Natal ... ..	280
Sundry visits ... ..	401
Welfare Centres etc. ...	21
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	7,373
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## SECTION "C"

Details of the various sanitary circumstances under this section will be dealt with in the report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector.

#### SECTION "D"

This will be dealt with in the report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector.

#### SECTION "E"

This will be dealt with in the report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector.

#### SECTION "F"

##### PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

There is very little which calls for comment on the subject of infectious disease. In the latter part of the year under review there was a remarkable diminution in the numbers of cases of infectious disease notified. A probable explanation of this is the long absence of children from school owing to War conditions.

At the outbreak of War I asked the practitioners in the district to reduce, as far as possible, the number of cases of Scarlet Fever sent to hospital, in view of conditions then prevailing. I am very pleased to record that on this matter I had, as in all other matters, the cordial co-operation of the practitioners in the district, so much so that for the first time in the history of the hospital there were no patients in the hospital at the end of the year.

##### INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND FUMIGATIONS.

425 visits were made in connection with infectious disease.

The following is an analysis of the premises disinfected during the year:-

<u>Houses.</u>	<u>Rooms.</u>	<u>Cause.</u>
5	5	Erysipelas
57	221	Scarlet Fever
45	166	Diphtheria
41	92	Tuberculosis
8	21	Other medical causes
25	89	Other causes
<hr/> 181	<hr/> 594	

ANALYSIS OF THE TOTAL NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)  
IN AGE GROUPS

Disease	Total cases notified													Total deaths												
	Under 1 year	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over	Under 1 year	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over		
	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65		1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65			
Scarlet Fever	-	1	3	5	12	28	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Diphtheria	2	-	3	5	5	13	6	4	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Pneumonia	2	4	-	1	-	3	-	-	5	2	9	1	5	8	3	1	-	1	-	-	3	1	5	5		
Puerperal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-		
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Cerebro-spinal fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Measles	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Whooping Cough	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Ophthalmia neonatorum	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Totals	7	6	8	11	18	45	14	6	13	6	16	2	6	8	3	1	2	-	-	5	1	5	5	5		



# INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following is a table of particulars of infectious diseases treated at the Isolation Hospital during 1939.

Disease	No. of cases admitted	No. in at 31/12/38	No. of cases discharged	No. in hospital at 31/12/39
Scarlet Fever	51	8	59	-
Diphtheria	43	3	46	-
Puerperal Fever	8	2	10	-
Erysipelas	2	-	2	-
Cerebro-spinal fever	1	-	1	-
Measles	1	-	1	-
Septic Tonsillitis	1	-	1	-
Suspected Typhoid	1	1	2	-
Totals	108	14	122	-

There were 3 puerperal fever cases and 1 cerebro-spinal fever case admitted from outside districts.  
8 diphtheria cases were found to be 'negative'.

## NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE WARDS

<u>WARD</u>	Disease							
	Scarlet Fever	Pneumonia	Diphtheria	Erysipelas	Puerperal fever	Measles	Whooping Cough	Ophthalmia neonatorum
North West	5	6	2	1	-	1	1	-
Grangetown	-	-	3	-	1	1	1	-
Normanby	11	4	1	3	2	-	-	1
Harcourt	8	2	5	2	-	-	1	-
Branch	4	3	3	1	-	-	-	-
Central	14	6	22	2	-	-	-	-
South Bank	10	3	4	2	1	-	-	1
Tilery	6	3	3	-	1	1	-	-
Totals	58	27	43	11	5	3	3	2

CANCER The total number of deaths from Cancer during the year was 36 which is 7 less than the number for 1938.



# TUBERCULOSIS

## NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1939

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year and of all deaths from this disease are shown in the following table in age groups :-

Age Periods	Cases Notified				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 and 5 years	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
5 and 10 years	1	-	2	2	-	-	-	1
10 and 15 years	2	3	6	1	-	1	-	-
15 and 20 years	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	-
20 and 25 years	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
25 and 35 years	2	4	1	-	2	1	-	-
35 and 45 years	3	1	-	-	3	-	-	-
45 and 55 years	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
55 and 65 years	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	10	14	10	4	9	4	-	1

The deaths from this cause show a decrease of 17 on those for the previous year.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Eston Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This part of the Report is more in the nature of a record of the department's activities in connection with inspections and visits, together with the action taken and the results obtained. Up to September the routine work proceeded normally and regular visits were maintained, but after that month other matters of great importance to the District claimed prior attention and continued to do so when the year closed.

Notwithstanding these demands on the department all essential services were well maintained and complaints were small in number.

The restriction on building materials seriously affected both house building and repairs and by the end of the year this work was practically brought to a standstill.

Indications of the last three months of the year foreshadowed what was to be expected during the next year. Many extra hours of work were being devoted to work which it is regretted was not for the advancement of better social conditions and, in view of present conditions, will apparently put back many of our hopes for some considerable time. I would hesitate to predict what may be said of our work in 1940.

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM LINSLEY,

Senior Sanitary Inspector &  
Cleansing Superintendent.

## SECTION "C"

### WATER.

There were no new sources of public water supply or important extensions to mains during the year. Two samples of water were taken for chemical and bacteriological examination and proved wholesome and suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

There were no extensive sewerage works carried out and the method of disposal of sewerage remained the same as heretofore.

### RIVERS AND STREAMS.

There are no alterations or works of importance to report under this heading.

### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

With the exception of isolated farms and other premises, the District is served by the water carriage system. General conversion from pail closets took place sixteen years ago.

### PUBLIC CLEANSING.

There was no outstanding change of policy during the year. One new 'Karrier' refuse collecting vehicle was purchased in July to replace drawn vans owing to the removal of the point of disposal.

Towards the end of the year difficulty was being experienced in the collection of household refuse owing to the erection of air raid shelters in the back streets, the erection of which tended to increase the cost of collection.

In July a new refuse tip was opened at Grangetown, this consisted of part of a worked out clay pit into which there is sufficient space for tipping for some years.

Street sweeping was continued on the "Beat" system and channel washing was continued during the Summer period.

All street gullies received regular attention and the ~~sewers~~ were systematically flushed at regular periods.



There was not much expenditure on snow removal up to the end of the year but early in the present year we experienced more snow fall we have had for several years.

### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

#### GENERAL SANITARY WORK.

The following is a tabulated statement of the number and nature of the inspections made during the year under the various Acts, Orders and Byelaws in force within the Urban Area.

<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Visits.</u>
Dwelling houses inspected under Inspection of District Regulations and Housing Acts ...	281
Dwelling houses (re-inspection) under above ...	598
Dwelling houses (work in progress) under above ...	1857
Dwelling houses under Public Health Act etc. ...	898
Dwelling houses (re-inspection) under above ...	710
Dwelling houses (work in progress) under above ...	377
Interviews with Builders, Owners and others ...	1069
Complaints investigated ...	409
Inspections of :-	
Bakehouses ...	5
Common lodging houses ...	48
Dairies, cowsheds and milkshops ...	35
Slaughterhouses ...	1394
Markets and Food stores ...	77
Workshops and Workplaces ...	84
Schools ...	7
Fish and Fried Fish Shops ...	44
Outworkers premises ...	1
Courts and common yards ...	122
Conveniences (Public) ...	48
Rat infested premises ...	22
Infectious Disease ...	214
Fumigations ...	211
Drain examinations ...	441
Under Food & Drugs Act ...	36
Under Petroleum Acts ...	12
Scavenging and Cleansing ...	278
Overcrowding (Housing Act) ...	174
Shops (1912 to 1936) Acts ...	520
Public Halls ...	8
Tents, Vans and Sheds ...	6
Miscellaneous visits not enumerated above ...	144

#### SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT UNDER NOTICES SERVED

The various works, which were completed under notices served or after intimation had been given to the Owners or occupiers, are set out below:-

#### Number of :-

Chimneys and roofs repairs ...	482
Spoutings and rainwater pipes renewed ...	251
Walls repaired or rebuilt ...	399
Floors relaid or repaired ...	1411

Number of :-

Ceilings and plasters repaired ... ..	720
Window frames and sash cords repaired ...	282
Fireplaces repaired ... ..	136
Doors and frames repaired ... ..	463
Staircases repaired ... ..	70
Sinks and waste pipes repaired or provided...	214
Setpots repaired ... ..	72
House water supplies repaired ... ..	91
Yard surfaces relaid or repaired ... ..	152
Refuse bins renewed ... ..	322
Pantries provided or improved ... ..	48
Coalhouses provided ... ..	49

House Drainage.

Number of :-

Drains tested, relaid or repaired ... ..	168
New gullies traps or grids provided ... ..	231
Stoppages in drains removed by Owners ...	45
Stoppages in drains removed by Council without notices being served ... ..	545

Water Closets.

Number of :-

Water supplies repaired ... ..	25
Cisterns renewed or repaired ... ..	25
Basins renewed ... ..	7
Seats and flush pipes renewed ... ..	23
Stoppages in drains removed by Owners ...	20
New closets provided ... ..	4
Stoppages in drains removed by Council without notices being served ... ..	133

Workshops.

Number of :-

Notices received from H.M. Inspector ...	1
Notices served on Owners or Occupiers ...	1
Water closets provided or repaired ...	1

Common Lodging Houses.

Number of :-

Visits ... ..	48
Rooms inspected for cleanliness and vermin	344

COMPLAINTS.

Complaints received were of a general nature, mostly referring to stopped drains or repairs to houses. The number of complaints was not abnormal and records were kept of their nature and action taken.

SHOPS.

It will be noted by the number of inspections and observations made (520) that constant attention was given to the due observance of the various Acts and Orders governing shops.



Lighting restrictions and earlier closing hours which were imposed owing to the War were welcomed by shop people generally and were readily obeyed.

#### SMOKE ABATEMENT

There was nothing of importance under this heading. Most of the smoke produced in this district is from the steel and iron industries which are outside the scope of the smoke abatement law.

#### SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are no facilities under this heading in the District. I have previously stressed the importance of these amenities but it would appear that the outbreak of War has jeopardised all chances of any progress in this direction for some considerable time.

#### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

There was no outstanding increase in the number of premises found to be infested with bed bugs. The usual methods of fumigating and spraying were continued with good effect.

	<u>Infested.</u>	<u>Disinfested.</u>
No. of Council Houses	5	5
No. of other houses	20	20

#### SCHOOLS.

The elementary schools in the District are under the control of the North Riding County Council who attend to their own alterations and repairs.

#### FACTORIES AND WORKPLACES.

Periodical visits were made to these premises during the year. The defects found were of a minor nature and were remedied on representations being made to the occupiers. There is only one outworkers registered in the District and the work is of an intermittent nature.

# SECTION 'D'

## HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b) ... ..	148
(b) (1) By the Local Authority ... ..	62
(2) By other bodies or persons ... ..	86

1. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:-

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	1084
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	3564

(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... ..	326
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	2356

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	---
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(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..	326
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2. Remedy of defects during the year without the service of formal notices :-

Number of defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... ..	1114
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ..	6
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(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-

(a) By Owners ... ..	6
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... ..	---

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	---
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(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :-

(a) By Owners ... ..	---
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... ..	---

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ..	---
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(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... .. 2

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... .. -

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit ... .. -

#### 4. Housing Act, 1936, Part IV - Overcrowding :-

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of 1938 ... .. 56  
 (2) Number of families dwelling therein ... .. 56  
 (3) Number of persons dwelling therein ... .. 413

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during 1939 ... .. 48

(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during 1939 ... .. 65  
 (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... .. 387

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... .. -

(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report ... .. -

### SECTION "E"

#### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

This important branch of the work continued to have careful attention. 1,591 visits were made in connection with meat and food inspection and 4,557 animal carcasses were examined, viz:-

858 beasts  
 2621 sheep  
 1041 pigs  
 37 calves

Details of meat and fruit which was found to be unfit for food are set out below:-

	sts.	lbs.
<u>Beef.</u>		
1 whole carcass weighing ... ..	43	●
Livers, lungs and joints ... ..	16	7
<u>Mutton.</u>		
1 whole carcass of a lamb and sundry internal organs weighing ... ..	2	11

<u>Pork.</u>		<u>sts.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
22 whole carcasses weighing ... ..		77	0
Sundry joints and internal organs		5	6
<u>Fruit.</u>			
14 baskets of Dowlet Pears ... ..		28	0
12 baskets of cooking plums ... ..		24	0

The total weight was approximately:-

1 ton 4 cwts. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

#### MILK SUPPLY.

The number of milk producers and wholesalers did not materially vary during the year. There was a slight increase in the number of wholesalers and also an increase in the number of small retailers.

The number of cowsheds remained the same as in the previous year (14) and the number of cows was approximately 120.

71 visits were made to cowsheds, dairies and milkshops and any request regarding limewashing and cleansing was attended to without undue delay.

There are no premises in the District registered under the Milk (Special Designations) Order 1936. Two dairies outside the District hold supplementary licences to sell "pastuerised milk" in the Area.

70 informal samples of new milk were taken for analysis and office tested all of which proved genuine. The highest fat content of the sample was 4.6% and the lowest 3.1%.

20 samples were taken for bacterial examination on which the analyst reported 12 showing the presence of coliform bacillus. The average bacterial count was 43,356 which is very satisfactory.

There were no other samples of food taken for examination for adulteration or chemical and bacteriological tests.





